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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of:

SUNG JONG PAHNG, M.D.

ORDER REINSTATING
LICENSURE

This matter was reopened before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon the Board's receipt of a petition from respondent Sung Jong Pahng, M.D., requesting reinstatement of his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. Respondent's license had been suspended for a period of five years on December 30, 2002, pursuant to the terms of a Final Order of Discipline ("FOD"). The FOD provided that the suspension was to be stayed and served as a five year period of probation, which probation was to run concurrent with a period of probation imposed by the United States District Court, Southern District of New York. The New Jersey action was based on respondent's having been found guilty of tax evasion, in violation of Title 26 United States Code, §7201, in the United States District Court on April 23, 2001, for which offense respondent was sentenced to five years criminal probation, fined \$250,000, ordered to pay a \$100 mandatory special assessment and required to perform two thousand hours of community service (the criminal conviction was also the predicate for a Consent Order that respondent entered with the New York Department of Health, State Board of Professional Medical Conduct,

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which Order imposed a five year stayed suspension and five years probation to run concurrent with the probation imposed by the United States District Court, and a fine of \$5,000).

Respondent appeared before a Committee of the Board on May 25, 2005, represented by David E. Ruck, Esq., and then provided testimony under oath concerning his present practice of medicine and concerning events which occurred in New York subsequent to the entry of the FOD. Respondent then provided evidence demonstrating: 1) that he was granted early termination of his probation by the United States District Court probation office on March 12, 2004 subject to the condition that he continue to make payments on the balance of the criminal penalties then owing; 2) that he satisfied his criminal financial obligation by making a final payment in full of all fines and assessments on May 20, 2005; and 3) that the period of probation imposed by the New York Board for Professional Medical Conduct was terminated effective March 12, 2004. Respondent also demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that he is currently fit to resume the practice of medicine in the State of New Jersey.

The Board being satisfied that the period of probation in the State of New Jersey, which was to run concurrent with the period of probation imposed by the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, has concluded by operation of the early termination of respondent's probation in the State of New York, being satisfied that respondent is currently fit to resume

the practice of medicine in New Jersey at this time, and being satisfied that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order,

IT IS on this 13th day of July, 2005

ORDERED:

The license of respondent Sung Jong Pahng, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated without condition or limitation.

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By:


Bernard Robins, M.D.
Board President